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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Andre JOUANNEAU
Appl. No.: 09/155,241
Filed: September 22, 1998
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING AND USING PLASMA

Group Art Unit: 3641

Examiner: Harvey E. Behrend

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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This is filed in response to the Final Office Action bearing a mail date of February 24, 2003, the period for response to which has been extended to August 25, 2003 by the enclosed extension of time. Entry of this amendment and withdrawal of the finality of the Office Action is requested in view of the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith.

Accordingly, consideration of this response is earnestly solicited.

Claims 1-38 are pending in the application. The withdrawal of claims 13-38 from consideration as not being readable on the elected species has been made final. Accordingly, claims 1-12 are under consideration and have been rejected in the Office Action on various grounds.

Claims 1-4 and 7-12 have been amended to place the claims in standard U.S. form and to clarify that there is a source of particles from an ionic solution having a pH less than 1, a plasma gas or a gas atmosphere. No new matter has been introduced and support for these amendments can be found throughout the specification.

These rejections are respectfully traversed and are believed to be obviated in view of the following remarks. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections are earnestly solicited.